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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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AMENDMENT B

Seattle, Washington 98101

December 9, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in reply to the communication dated September 9, 2003, from the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

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Amendment Transmittal A.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional claim fee is required, as shown below. X

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Α	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	11	Minus	20	=	0	x	18	=	0.00	
Independent Claims	4	Minus	5	=	0	x	86	=	0.00	

Total Additional Fee for this Amendment

\$0.00

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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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